



Chess Clubs and Tournaments at City Libraries

2023 Schedule

Meeting day(s)	TIME						CONTACT	
	START	END	Library	Address	Background info	Dates of Tournaments	Contact Person	Contact Number
Wednesdays	15:00	18:00	Pinelands Library	Howard Centre, Sheldon Way, Pinelands	We started in Dec 2022 and mainly focus on beginners. Boards are available all week. Practice is from 15:00-16:00 for complete beginners, and general play from 16:00-18:00. Adults and children come to learn and play. Around 8 regulars, but participation varies. Each Wednesday we compile and issue a two page chess pack consisting of a chess topic and chess puzzles. Tournament participants are limited. The goal of the tournament is to be beginner friendly.	• 22 February • 24 May • 25 October	W Cronje	021 814 1780
Every day	14:30	16:45	Delft Library	Voorbrug Road, Delft	We provide members of the public with the necessary chess tools and clock. We have a permanent chess table in the library. Interested members have the opportunity to take part in a tournament	5 July 2023	Emily Afrikaaner	021 400 5397
Saturdays	09:00	12:00	Madena High	Balu Parker Blvd, Athlone, Cape Town, 7764	The friends of Rylands library started more than 15 years ago. It consists of 5 members and hundreds of community members participating in outreach programmes. The chess club is the brainchild of the Friends of the library. In 2016, the flagship chess competition was held at the library.	Winter Slam: June 2023 Summer Slam: December 2023. Both at Rylands Civic.	Cassiem Slamang	021 814 1118
Saturdays	10:00	12:00	Bishop Lavis	Corner Lavis Drive & Lenton Road, Bishop Lavis.	In 2022, all chess clubs (schools and community clubs) in the area merged as one unit. Bishop Lavis library is currently hosting the club. The Bishop Lavis Chess Club is a constitutional body and in the process of registering	June /September	Reginald Cloete	021 400 5422 /30

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					with Western Province Chess. There are 75 official members. The provincial department of Culture and Sport (DCAS) supports this initiative. We are still in the process of appointing a coach. Players practice and coaching is on Wednesdays from 15:00 and Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00. Library is open for chess during library public hours.			
Wednesdays	18:00	19:00	Kraaifontein	Kraaifontein Library, Brighton Road, Kraaifontein	The Kraaifontein Chess Club started in 2016 and has about 60 active members. The club has practice sessions every Wednesday evening, and collaborates with the Cape Town Chess Academy. We also host training sessions and tournaments that free and open to the public.	• 18 Feb • 25 Feb, • 3 June • 10 June	Burton Van Staaden	073 212 4875
Fridays	14:00	17:00	Fish Hoek	Central circle, Fish Hoek	Brandon Newman and one of Fish Hoek library's librarians started a Chess club last year (2022). There was a big interest, and many young and old community members came to participate. It is now a formal club, and will participate in tournaments.	March (dates TBC)	Brandon Newman	021 400 7102
Saturdays	08:30	12:30	Gordans Bay	6 Watt St, Gordons Bay Central,	Started October 2022	June school holidays	Oko Biskitshi	021 400 6371
Tuesdays & Thursdays	15:00	16:30	Kensington Library	Cnr Factreton Avenue & 11th Avenue	Club started Feb 2023, These are all free entry events that is unrated and are open to the public. Registration before the event is required	3 October	Clayton Oliver	021 400 4345

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Thursdays	15:00	16:30	Fisantekraal Library	Cnr Dulah Omar & Peter Mokaba Fisantekraal, Durbanville		13 July	K Nyatse	021 444 9259
Saturdays	11:00	12:00	Crossroads Library	1 Cwangco Crescent, Phillipi Village	32 Participants since 2016, Practising every Saturdays	8 April and 16 September	Kumbula	073 724 1557
Tuesdays	14:00	15:00	Huguenot Square Library	C/O Huguenot and Belhar Road.	Huguenot Square Chess Club, est. 2023	June school holidays	Daniel Arendse	021 400 3756
Thursdays	15:00	17:00	Table View	c/o Birkenhead and Pentz Drive	Chess club started this year and we are still recruiting members. Projected to be operational by September for tournament.	September school holidays	Anita Perks	021 814 1675
Saturdays	9:00	12:00	Southfield Library	Cnr Cassino and Victoria Road, Southfield, Cape Town, 0214005213	The group meets every Saturday at Southfield Library - mainly to practice. We have 30 regular members, and 8 chess sets, no clocks. The group usually meets inside the library, which creates public awareness of the group.	25 March, friendly tournament, free entry, two other chess clubs have been invited, their attendance TBC.	Corlitte Ahrends	082 921 4738
Fridays	14:00	15:00	Scottsdale Library	Eaon Avenue, Scottsdale	Scottsdale Teen chess club every Friday @ 14:00.	20 March @ 12:00	Vuyokazi Tatana-Somlata	021 444 8102